

Voice of the Village People

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GATHERINGS WHICH TAKE PLACE ON A WEEKLY BASIS:

- Tuesday and Thursday morning coffees, 10:00, MPR
- Happy Hour (cocktail/social hour), 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, Meeting Room
- Girl Talk gatherings (ladies only, please), Friday, 10:00 A.M., Meeting Room
- Knitting/crafting/jigsaw puzzling group, 2:00, Thursday, Sunroom
- The men gather for conversation on Wednesday, 10:00, where space is available

GARBAGE PICKUP: December's bulk collection date is the second Thursday, March 12th. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Community Center.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

Tuesday, the 3rd - Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, the 4th - Hand and Foot, (Game Room), 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, the 5th - Cribbage (Game Room), 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, the 7th - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room), 9:30

Tuesday, the 10th - Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room), 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, the 11th - Rummikub (Game Room), 2:00 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge (Office, Meeting Room), 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, the 12th - Poker (Game Room), 2:00 p.m.

Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room), 2:00 P.M.

Bulky Garbage/Recycling Pick-up

Saturday, the 14th - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room), 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, the 17th -Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room), 1:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, Continued

Wednesday, the 18th - Hand and Foot (Game Room), 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 19th - Cribbage (Conference Room), 2:00 P.M.

Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room), 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 21st - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room), 9:30 A.M.

Monday, the 23th - Crime Book Club (Library), 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, the 24th - Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room), 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 25th - Rummikub (Game Room), 2:00 P.M.

Duplicate Bridge (Office, Meeting Room), 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, the 26th - Knitting/Crafting/Jigsaw Puzzling Group (Sun Room), 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 28th - Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room), 9:30 A.M.

Note to all Prairie Villagers:

At times Village residents may want to gather as an unscheduled group (not reserved) for a gathering involving food items. Perhaps you gather with friends for an impromptu purchased fish fry on Friday night, perhaps you would like to gather with a group for a Dominos Pizza after meeting up for a hike. You are welcomed and encouraged to use the Community Center as you desire. **Please, however, remember that you need to take all garbage and food scraps with you when you leave and clean the kitchen and the tables.** We want to avoid pests and odors. We appreciate your attention to this request. Thanks.

Do you know that Prairie Village has a Care Team to help you with temporary needs: help with meals, transportation, medical equipment, pet care, etc? You will find a copy of the teams and team members on the bulletin board in the office. Please seek out those who can offer assistance to you.

Mark your calendar: Paul will be attending the Coffee Hour on Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00.

Do you have information you would like included in the next newsletter? Either e-mail to Carolyn at behrecar@gmail.com or deliver or mail a “hard” copy to 833 Acorn Ridge.

Please note that the DEADLINE for submitting info, photos, etc., for the April issue is March 27.

CRIME BOOK CLUB

We met on Monday, February 23, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the read for the month, *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides. It was an interesting story which kept us guessing right up to the end as to who was the guilty party. David indicated that he enjoyed the last book we read by Michaelides - *The Silent Patient* more but both are good and would be recommended to others!

Thanks for being patient with me as this was a shortened meeting. I will do better next month. Also, thanks for helping to get everything back in order after the meeting.

Our book for the month of March is *Pretty Girls* by Karin Slaughter. We have read this author before so we will see if we like this book better than the last.

Our next get together will be on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

In Crime
Kathy Schumacher

A note from the Social Committee:

There was a donation box offered at the February Italian Potluck. \$130.50 was collected. Thank you all. The treasury balance is \$560.00; \$3.92 goes for Community Center decorating.

Brian will post pictures and narratives for our events at Prairie Village on the Fairhaven Senior Services Facebook page. If you do not utilize Facebook, ask for a slide show when you are together with those who do use FB on their phones. We would be glad to share. Binnie Malewicki has been taking pictures for this purpose and we thank her. Smile big!

Bring-Your-Money Event:

Sandwich in a Bag March 12, 2026, Arrive at 4:30, Eat at 5:00

When you sign up at the Community Center, you will complete an order sheet telling which ingredients you would like on your croissant bun. The Social Committee will assemble your sandwich and have it waiting in a lunch bag when you come for the meal. You will also enjoy a bag of chips and a dessert. The \$4.00 cost will be collected the night of the event. If you sign up but decide not to come, please leave your \$4.00 in the donation box as soon as it is convenient to you. Following our meal, we will hear choral students from Whitewater High School present their selections as they prepare for state competition. We hope the room will be full. Please sign up by March 9.

Prairie Chicks

March 26 we will meet in the Community Center at 11:00 to carpool to Paddy's Pub in Fort Atkinson. RSVP to 262-473-5783 to Elizabeth Archer by March 23.

MOVIE NIGHT MARCH 9, '26 Monday at 6:00 pm.

We return to the last two episodes of "LUDWIG" the shy reclusive puzzle designer who is trying to find his identical twin brother. In his search for his missing brother, he assumes his brother's identity at the police department, only to be unexpectedly drawn into investigating the latest murder that has taken place. It's funny, with typical English humor. Join us for an enjoyable time watching a great show with popcorn, beer, soda, and an added feature... a drink on Judith. If you want to understand that last phrase you will have to attend. If you have any questions, call Judith on her cell 262 273 0350

We thank **Jerri Stevenson** for several years in service as the Kitchen Manager at the Community Center. Jerri finds it necessary to step down at this time so we want to applaud her for her gifts of time and talent; we appreciate her work for us. Thank you!

Donna Marshall has accepted this position and will be available to you for consultation if you need new or renewed information about the facility management prior to an event that you have planned. She will also be able to answer any questions that you may have about the equipment located in the kitchen. Thank you for being our helper, Donna.

March 2026 Prairie Village Library, Etc. Update

Library News Added on Feb 20, from kathy, new Books (fiction, mystery-thrillers, and non-fiction, "People") are always welcome. I really appreciate your leaving them in the cooler on my porch-881 BOT. Puzzle donations can be left in the Library.

Don't forget that you can use the Fairhaven Library, too (located on the Lower Level, turn left when you get off the elevator). There is no check out requirement-just return those books there. The overhead lights come on once you walk in there. The large print collection has more books than we will ever have room for. All good reasons to check it out!

ETC

Should you be willing to assist our neighbors who need help getting the labels off prescription bottles, please let me know. I'll pass on your name(s) to them.

Please leave your donations in my porch cooler.

Thanks to those of you who are leaving food and personal care items in the donation box in the Library. Should you have unexpired, never-opened items that you might think of leaving on the table at the Main Entrance, consider putting those items in that donation box. (I put any expired donations in my garbage since they will not be distributed.) I will be glad to come get your donations.

Anything you give goes to The Community Space. Should you want to make a financial donation, the address is PO Box 213, Whitewater WI 53190. Put a note with those donations about whether you need a statement for tax or other purposes.

The No Birthday Cards sale continues until I put out Easter cards the weekend of March 7. After Easter there will be no more cards until the fall – and that depends

on whether there is surplus from the Mini Mart. Thanks, on behalf of the Friends of Fairhaven/Mini Mart.

Thanks to those of you who recently donated to the Employees Christmas Fund. There was one empty envelope in the donation box – so if you think you donated, you didn't. It's also possible that leaving an empty envelope is someone expressing an opinion about the Fund. If so, please don't waste your time or mine with that comment again.

“Cops and Kids Reading” in the Whitewater Elementary Schools” - Police from the Whitewater Police Department go to each of the Whitewater Elementary Schools to read to two different classes. We can support this program by donating very gently used or new books for elementary-aged readers since their goal is that each kid leaves with their very own book. You can take them to the Police Department or leave them in the cooler on my porch. If you leave them with me, they will be delivered to LINCS Elementary where the police will pick them up for use at all the schools.

Questions/concerns? Please ask. Kathy Ross

Do you need a piano?

I am giving away my baby grand piano as I will be moving to Fairhaven in May. It is a wood finish baby grand piano with the label H. C.Schomacher Philadelphia label. If you know any person, church or organization that could use a piano it's free for the taking. Please call if you have any questions. My phone number is 262-215-3142. Sue Mealy.



From Dick Piehl



If you can help with this

I believe all of us and Fairhaven housekeeping are doing a fine job of garbage and recycling not lingering in the Community Center bins – and frequently not getting there at all. We have one ongoing problem, which I cannot imagine is coming from any of us. Every few weeks, I find nicely tied bags of dog poop in the garbage bin. I turn that bin upside down and bring it home to mine. I believe it comes from non-resident dog walkers who presume that those are public bins. Should you know any of those dog walkers and are so inclined, would you mention to them that those are for use only by Prairie Village residents? Shannon is working on a weatherproof solution for signage but until then, if you can help in any way with this nasty problem, we'd all be grateful. Thanks, Kathy Ross